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"Extract from Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 9 Oct 41"

October 9th, 1941 - (Extract)

I met Prince KONOYE at 10.30 a.m. after his audience with the Emperor. He was quite uneasy about the future of the parley with Washington, and his hopes for a satisfactory compromise were very discouraging. I expressed my opinion for his information as follows:

1. The resolution of the Council in the Imperial presence on the 6th of September seemed to me too outright. It was not the conclusion of exhaustive discussion in my opinion.

2. Judging from the situation both at home and abroad, the war with the U.S.A. would offer us little chance of victory, so we had better reconsider it.

3. It would be inadvisable to declare war against the U.S.A. immediately.

4. The Premier should clarify his intention to concentrate our national efforts upon the completion of the Chinese Incident.

5. We should acquire freedom without paying any attention to economic pressure by the USA.

6. The Premier should demand ten or fifteen years of hard struggle on the part of our nation to establish a highly defensive nation.

7. If necessary, we were ready to put belligerency in action to promote the completion of the Chinese Incident and to use our whole military force in China in order to realize our plans against Kunming and Chungking.

Hachiro ARITA visited me to talk about the American problems and the general resignation of the cabinet.

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木戸侯爵日記

昭和十六年十月九日分

十月九日 木 晴

午前十時十分ヨリ同三十分迄拜謁

十時半近衛公参内拜謁後面談日米國交調整ニ
ツキ妥結ノ見込容易ニ付カズ首相モ大ニ心配
シ居ラレシ故余ハ大塚左ノ如キ意見ヲ述べ参
考ニ資ス

一九月六日ノ御前會議ノ決定ハ余ヨリ見レバ
聯カ唐突ニシテ議ノ熱ヤザルモノアルヤニ
思ヘル

一内外ノ話情勢ヨリ判斷スルニ對米戰ノ結
ハ容易ニ逆轉シ難ク再檢討ヲ要スルモノト
思フ

一政府ハ此ノ際直ニ對米戰以テ決意スルコト
ナク

一寧ロ支那事變ノ完遂ヲ第一義トスルコトヲ
願明シ

一米國ノ經濟壓迫ヲ嘆息スルコトナク我國ハ
自主的立場ヲ堅持シ

一十年乃至十五年ノ臥薪嘗膽ヲ國民ニ宣明シ
高度國防國家ノ樹立能力ノ培養ニ専念努力
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用シ重慶、昆明等ノ作以ヲ敢行シ獨力、實
力ヲ以テ解決スルコトヲ決意スルコト
一時半有田八郎氏來訪對木問題内閣總務職
説等ニツキ懇談ス
三時半朝香宮邸ニ伺候殿下立ニ湛官様ニ拜
謁勅許ノ御祝詞ヲ言上ス
五時半富田書記官長來邸政局ニフシ懇談ス
七時近衛首相來邸對木問題其他ニツキ懇談
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Extract from Marquis KIDO Diary

October 12th, 1941

At 10 a.m. Kango KOYAMA called on me to express deep resentment at the recent political situation, urging all possible efforts of the Premier. Major-General KATO visited my house to explain the Gendarmerie's interpretation of present conditions. TOMITA, Chief Secretary to the Cabinet, visited me and stated as follows, "The War, Navy and Foreign Ministers and President of the Planning Board held a meeting in the Prince's house at Ogikubo at 2 p.m. to discuss the adjustment of diplomatic relations between the U. S. A. and Japan. The War Minister calls for great resolution since he sees no hope for arrival at an understanding between Japan and the U. S. A.; however, that if he could hear an explanation such that he could persuade himself to be sure of arrival at an understanding why of course he didn't like war. The Navy Minister said that we should try to avoid war as much as possible. Now this country was standing at the cross-roads, having two ways to choose; one is the restoration of friendly relations by diplomatic negotiations; the other the declaration of war on the U. S. A. If the former was our choice, we must bring about a full understanding between the two countries by convincing the U. S. A. of the sincerity of our friendship towards her, for a war after a patched-up compromise would be most undesirable. Anyhow, the Premier's strong leadership was the most urgent matter. The Premier expressed his firm conviction of the successful conclusion of the parley, asking their cooperation with his policy. The Foreign Minister was of the opinion that he was not quite sure of the outcome of the parley, although he could not flatly deny that the meeting would end in success. They made the following agreement among themselves on the advice of the War Minister: Our demands regarding the stationing of troops in China should not be altered; the successful results of the Chinese Incident should be made secure by all means; and we should further our parley based on these agreements, ceasing our preparations for war.

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昭和十六年十月十二日分

十月十二日 (日) 晴

午前九時末松氏來訪面談

十時小山完五氏來邸近時ノ政局ヲ痛憤近衛公ノ
一段ノ努力ヲ要望セラル

四時半加藤少將來邸憲兵側ヨリ見タル政治情勢
ノ話アリタリ

夜倉茂氏ノ潔治ヲ受ク

九時富田書記官長來邸大要左ノ如キ話アリタリ

本日午後二時ヨリ赤松首相邸ニ於テ陸海外三相
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導セラレタシ

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自分ハ此意見ニテ進ミタシ

外相ハ確信アリヤト云ハレテモ相手ノアルコト
故に確ニハ云ヘザルモ未ダ見込アリト思フ

陸相ノ提議ニテ左ノ如キ亭合セラナセリ
日米交渉ニ於テハ

イ陸兵問題及之ヲ中心トスル陸政策ヲ變更セサ
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部ノ所望時期迄ニ確信ヲ得ルコト

右確信ノ上ニ外交ノ妥協方針ニ進ム

右決心ヲ以テ進ムヲ以テ作戦上ノ諒準備ハ之ヲ
打切ルコト

右ニ關シ外相トシテノ能否ヲ研究スルコト

以 上